

Call for Applications reference number MWK_01/2024

The Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies of the University of Erfurt (Max-Weber-Kolleg) announces Fellowships for the academic year 2025/26:

Distinguished Fellowships (f/m/d)

Art of contract and financial remuneration depend of the personal situation.

Area of Responsibility

- excellent interdisciplinary research within the framework of our Weberian research programme "Comparative Cultural Analysis of *Weltbeziehungen*" (see website) from the following or related disciplines: sociology, religious studies, history, economics, law, philosophy and theology
- interdisciplinary cooperation with scholars from different regions and cultures as well as generations

What we expect

- PhD and if possible Habilitation or equivalent
- excellent research record
- experience and interest in interdisciplinary research
- scientific curiosity and willingness to exchange ideas

What we offer

Fellowships can be awarded for 3 to 10 months; they start normally on first of October 2025 or first of April 2026 until end of July 2026.

The financial agreement aims to enable the invited Fellows to stay at the Max-Weber-Kolleg based on the principle of "no gain, no loss". The fellowship program manager will work with successful candidates to determine the exact terms of their appointments. As a rule, university professors are given a paid leave of absence from their home institution for the period of their activity at the Max-Weber-Kolleg. If necessary, the Max-Weber-Kolleg reimburses the Fellow's home university for the costs of a substitute – up to the amount of the Fellow's salary or up to the maximum of 7.500 EUR/month incl. taxes, whichever is lower.

Fellows will be provided housing, if possible in the International Guest House of the University of Erfurt. Costs related to the stay in Erfurt (travel costs and a lump sum) will be reimbursed.

Comments

Fellows will be selected in a multi-level procedure:

1. Eligibility check by directors
2. Reviews by experts
3. Interviews with the selection committee
4. Shortlist by selection committee
5. Pre-selection/advice by advisory board
6. Decision by Kollegrat

The Fellows will find a supportive research and work environment and the staff helps concerning administrative issues (mobility, proofreading, organizational matters etc.), student assistants help concerning academic issues (bibliography, editing, copying, organization of workshops etc.).

If you have a foreign university degree, it may be necessary that you apply for a certificate application at the Central Office for Foreign Education (Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen, ZAB). Please note that this is a chargeable service provided by the ZAB. For more information, please visit www.kmk.org/zab/zeugnisbewerbung.

The University of Erfurt sees itself as an open-minded employer that values diversity. It is committed to diversity and gender equality and welcomes applications that contribute to this. The University of Erfurt has successfully completed the "shaping diversity" audit and has received the rating "equality excellent" in the female professor programme III of the federal and state governments. One of the university's strategic goals is increasing the proportion of women in research and teaching. Qualified female scientists are therefore particularly encouraged to apply. Severely disabled persons and those with equal status are given preference in the case of equal suitability, professional performance, and ability.

For questions regarding content, please contact apl. Prof. Dr. Bettina Hollstein: bettina.hollstein@uni-erfurt.de.

Application/Deadline

Please send your complete application (curriculum vitae, list of publications, files of either two peer-reviewed journal articles or your own monograph, letter of motivation including the name of a member or alumnus of the Max-Weber-Kolleg who could make a recommendation, exposé of a research project (up to 3000 words) with work plan and overview of the most important project-specific publications) **exclusively online** via the application management system of the University Erfurt by **31 August 2024**.

Reimbursement of Expenses

The University of Erfurt does not refund any costs incurred in the application process.